

House Resolution No. 19

Whereas, Deacon Robert Davis, a treasured resident of Kansas City, Missouri, will commemorate the splendid occasion of his Eighty-ninth Birthday with a festive celebration to be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Kansas City; and

Whereas, Robert Davis came into this world in Union Springs, Alabama, on January 20, 1914, as the tiny infant son born to proud and loving parents Obie and Eliza Davis, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Robert Davis was a bright and happy child who distinguished himself as an exemplary student at his school before dutifully serving his country in the United States Army on Iwo Jima during World War II as a part of the integrated 465th Aviation Squadron; and

Whereas, a member of the singing quartet "The Birmingham Gospel Singers" who served as a first baseman with the Union Springs All-State Team, Robert Davis provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a member of the Kansas City Police Department for nearly twenty years from 1964 to 1983; and

Whereas, Robert Davis proclaimed his love for the Lord at an early age and continued to glorify His name as a devout member of the New Day Missionary Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, where he has served as Chairman of the Board, the Church's registered agent, Sunday School attendant, soloist, and director of the male chorus; and

Whereas, a restoration of the New Day Cathedral that boasts a suite of offices including the Pastor's Study, Pastor's Conference Room, Deacon's Office, and many other offices will be dedicated as the "Deacon Robert Davis Office Complex" upon its completion; and

Whereas, an ordained deacon since 1951 who has touched the lives of countless individuals in his loving, quiet, and unassuming way, Robert Davis has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of his wonderful wife, Loretta; and

Whereas, now eighty-nine years young, Deacon Robert Davis faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good Christian life, sharing his experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those he holds most dear:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Robert Davis as he celebrates eighty-nine years of achievement, and in wishing him tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as he continues his journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Deacon Robert Davis, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Vicki Walker
District No. 50

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 19, adopted January 9, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker